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SUBJECT: RAZA KAZIM CASE: SENATOR KENNEDY INTERESTED

REF: ISLAMABAD 6484

A PRESS ITEM WHICH HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION RECENTLY CONCERNING THE CASE OF RAZA KAZIM IS A MARCH 21 REPORT IN "INDIAN EXPRESS" FROM NEW DELHI. REPORT PROVIDES DETAILS OF THE ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT ZIA-UL-HAQ. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, "WELL-KNOWN BARRISTER KAZIM RAZA" WAS THE MAIN COORDINATOR ON THE CIVILIAN SIDE. THE REPORT ALSO REPEATS AN ALLEGATION WE HAD HEARD PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL) THAT KAZIM HAS TURNED STATES EVIDENCE IN THE CASE. WE CANNOT CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF THESE ASSERTIONS.
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